

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For:	IMPLANTS AND RELATED METHODS AND)
	APPARATUS FOR SECURING AN IMPLANT)
	ON AN ARTICULATING SURFACE OF AN)
	ORTHOPEDIC JOINT)
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Examiner:	David Comstock)

TRANSMITTAL FOR 7th SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- X Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.
- Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.
- Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 listing 29 references submitted for consideration.

X A copy of 5 Non-US references listed on the Form PTO-1449.

___ English translations of ___ (___) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language.

___ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:

___ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT;
and

___ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

I. ___ Concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Accordingly, no materials other than those listed above are enclosed.

II. X Following the latter of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action, but before the mailing of a final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, to secure consideration thereof, one (1) of the following is also enclosed:

___ Promptness Certification; or

X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$180.00 constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

III. ___ After the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:

___ Promptness Certificate;

___ Petition for Consideration; and

____ Check No. in the amount of \$_____ constituting the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

IV. ____ After payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:

____ Petition to Withdraw from Issue; and

____ Check No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ constituting the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

C. Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of or any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

 X Any fee required in relation to filing of this letter or any documents transmitted therewith.

____ The submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) in the event that 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) applies and the Examiner is not satisfied that any Promptness Certificate submitted meets the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

____ The submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

____ The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

Dated this 9th day of April 2009.

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7th SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97

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Sir:

Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed listed references are disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof that is not a US Patent document is also enclosed.

Statement of Relevance of References Listed
Unaccompanied by English Translation
Under 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3)

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(a)(3), the following concise explanation of the relevance of each listed reference that is not in the English language and unaccompanied by a translation into English is provided.

French Patent No. 2,630,639: This device comprises a resurfacing piece 1 intended for example to be fixed to a femoral condyle, which has a flat bearing surface which is adapted to be applied against a flat surface obtained by resection of the posterior part of the femur, and is provided with a cylindrical bar 2 whose axis X1-X'1 is situated in the sagittal plane, parallel to the bearing face 14, this bar being attached to the face 14 by a rib 3; it being possible to fit the piece 1 by simple front-to-back translation in the sagittal plane, the bar fitting into a housing of complementary shape previously hollowed in the bone tissue of the femur. Surgical implant.

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